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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5127

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN SITUATION

REF: GUATEMALA 5102

1. WILSON CALLED ON CHARGE LATE OCTOBER 25 TO REPORT ANZUETO BECOMING INCREASINGLY BITTER AND TO REQUEST UNSPECIFIED EMBASSY ACTION. HE SAID ANZUETO HAD CALLED PORRAS OF PAN AM TWICE DURING DAY TO COMPLAIN OF PAN AM'S "TACTICS". ANZUETO REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT PAN AM HAD MOUNTED CAMPAIGN IN HONDURAS AGAINST GOG AND HAD INSTRUCTED TRAVEL AGENTS IN GUATEMALA TO STEER CLIENTS AWAY FROM AVIATECA. ACCORDING TO WILSON, ANZUETO THREATENED TO CLOSE DOWN PAN AM IMMEDIATELY UNLESS "CAMPAIGN" STOPPED. PORRAS DENIED PAN AM HAD GIVEN ANY INSTRUCTIONS TRAVEL AGENTS AND EXPLAINED THAT PAN AM OFFICE IN HONDURAS WAS MERELY EXPLAINING WHY PAN AM COULD NO LONGER SERVICE HONDURAS.

2. REGARDING EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT, WILSON SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH HIS NEW YORK OFFICE SEVERAL TIMES AND THAT THEY HAD "INSTRUCTED" HIM TO CALL ON CHARGE SEEK ASSISTANCE. ALTHOUGH HE CLAIMED TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WAS BY INSINUATION, WE MUST ASSUME GOG KNOWS PAN AM IS ACTIVELY SEEKING USG INVOLVEMENT. FOR THIS REASON WE BELIEVE IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT WAIT DISCUSS SITUATION INFORMALLY WITH ARENALES BEFORE APPROACHING ANZUETO.
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